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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Kuslich et al.
Application No.: 09/909,667
Filed: July 20, 2001
For: AN EXPANDABLE POROUS MESH BAG
 DEVICE AND METHODS OF USE FOR
 REDUCTION, FILLING, FIXATION AND
 SUPPORTING OF BONE
Examiner: Pedro Philogene
Group Art Unit: 3732

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 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No: S85.2-9156-US02

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002.

Please amend the Application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14, 21-24 from the Application without prejudice or disclaimer to be filed in a continuation application.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

- Sub C*
- B*
1. (Amended) A method of treating a bone abnormality in a body comprising the following steps:
 exposing an area of bone having an abnormality;
 forming at least one cavity in the bone, wherein a portion of the at least one cavity defines an opening;